

**REMARKS****Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103(a)**

The Examiner rejects Claims 17 - 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,592,855 issued to Gioffre et al. on December 9, 1986. It is the Examiner's position that Gioffre teaches effervescent compositions having cleansing action. To support his position the Examiner cites Examples 1 - 4 of Gioffre.

The Examiner rejects Claims 17 - 22, 24 - 31, and 33 - 42 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over French patent No. 891,661 issued to Baule on December 17, 1943. It is the Examiner's position that Baule et al teaches a method for absorbing oxygen into aluminosilicates for incorporation into detergents. The Examiner indicates that though Baule et al does not teach the specific method steps of the instant claims such as heating the zeolite prior to loading with gas, one of ordinary skill would be aware that the zeolite must be dried before it could effectively absorb the gas.

The Examiner rejects Claims 28 - 42 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gioffre et al.. Though Gioffre does not make specific mention of laundry detergents, it is the Examiner's position that because Example 3 of Gioffre includes at least one builder and at least one surfactant commonly used in laundry detergents, the composition of Example 3 would inherently clean laundry.

Applicants have amended the claims of the instant invention to more particularly define the invention. The claims as amended require *inter alia* that the aluminosilicate ion exchange material have a total porosity of at least 25%. Neither Gioffre et al. or Baule teach or suggest this limitation. Furthermore, with regard to Claims 28 - 30 and 32 - 42, neither reference teaches or suggests a laundry detergent composition. Hence, the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §102 and 103 rejections are overcome. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw these rejections and allow the claims in the instant application.

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**SUMMARY**

A three-month extension of time is requested to respond to this Office Action. Please charge any fees associated with this to Deposit Account No.: 16-2480. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 and allow the claims in the instant application. No new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,

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